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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 28th day of February, 1898, at 12.30 of the Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1897, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th February, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, January 31, 1898.

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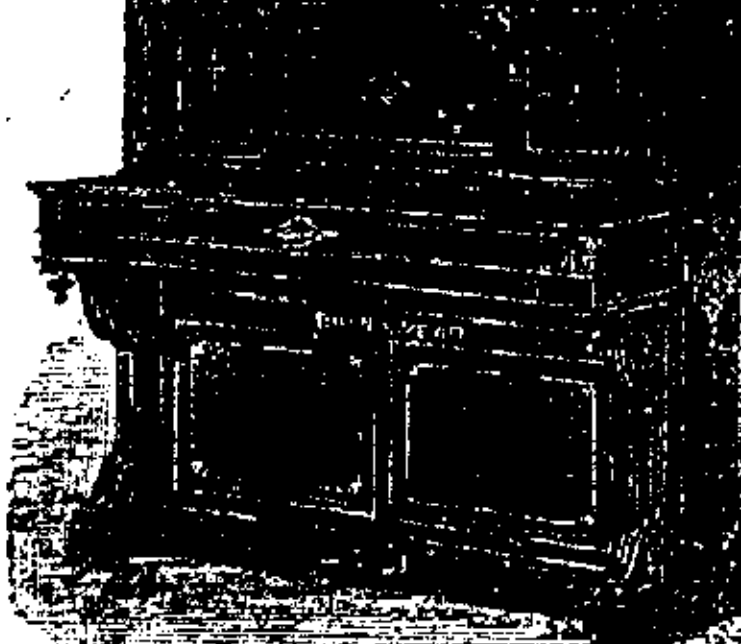
SHEWAN TOMES & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, February 10, 1898.

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DEALERS in all kinds of JAPANESE CURIOS. At Moderate Prices. No. 8, D'Almeida Street. Head Office, No. 42, Sakamachi, 1 Chome, Kobe. Hongkong, February 11, 1898.

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N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA, via Yokohama.	S. DE B. LOCKYER, R.N.	Daylight, 20 h February	
SHANGHAI, via Bengal.	L. M. WIENER, R.N.	About 20th February.	
N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA, via Socotra†.	J. PAINE, R.N.	About 21st February.	
LONDON, via Bornoe.	F. C. A. LYON, R.N.	About 6th March.	
N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA, via Sunda.	S. G. D. ANDREWS, R.N.	About 5th March.	

* See Special Advertisement.
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For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to
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DRINKS: Beer, Wine, Spirits, Soda Water, Lemonade, Champagne, Port, Sherry, Brandy, Cognac, Whisky, Gin, Rum, Benedictine, Chartreuse, Benedictine, Chartreuse, Benedictine, Chartreuse.
DESSERTS: Sweetbread, Sausages, Ham, Chicken, Turkey, Duck, Goose, Pig, Lamb, Mutton, Beef, Veal, Pork, Fish, Shellfish, Game, Poultry, Fowl, Eggs, Butter, Cheese, Cream, Custard, Pudding, Pastry, Biscuits, Confectionery, Ice Cream, Fruit, Nuts, Candies, Chocolates, Cakes, Buns, Tarts, Pies, Pastries, Doughnuts, Fritters, Croquettes, Souffles, Meringues, Macarons, Macaroons, Biscuits, Confectionery, Ice Cream, Fruit, Nuts, Candies, Chocolates, Cakes, Buns, Tarts, Pies, Pastries, Doughnuts, Fritters, Croquettes, Souffles, Meringues, Macarons, Macaroons.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 28th instant, both days inclusive. By Order, JAS. B. COUGHRAN, Secretary. Hongkong, February 5, 1898.

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RESOLUTIONS. That Article No. 63 and 123 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by substituting therefor the word 'February' and substituting therefor the word 'March'.

That Article No. 7 be altered by inserting the words 'or Extra Reserve Fund' immediately after the word 'Fund' in the sixth line of the said Article, and the words 'and Extra Reserve Fund' immediately after the word 'Fund' in the seventh line of the said Article.

That Article No. 121 be altered by inserting the words 'and subject to the provisions of Article 121A and 121B' immediately after the word 'sum' and before the word 'be' in the fourth line of each Article.

That the following Articles be inserted immediately after Article No. 121 and be numbered Articles 121A and 121B. 121A.—Although the Reserve Fund may amount to the sum of One Million Dollars the Directors may nevertheless at their discretion from time to time appropriate a portion, and exceeding ten per cent. of the net income and profits earned by the Company to any one year, to the formation of an additional Reserve Fund, to be called 'Extra Reserve Fund'.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 18th February, 1898, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

A QUANTITY OF
USEFUL FURNITURE,

Comprising—
SADDLE BAG AND PLUSH DRAWING ROOM SUITE, SINK TAPSTY, CARVED TEAK OVERMANTLES WITH BEVELLED MIRRORS, LACE CURTAINS, CARPET, RUGS, AND ORNAMENTS, ETC.
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IRON and BRASS MOUNTED DOUBLE BEDSTEADS, CARVED TEAK WARDROBES WITH GLASS DOORS, MARBLE TOP TOILET TABLES, MARBLE TOP WASHSTANDS, OCCASIONAL TABLES, CHEST OF DRAWERS, ETC., ETC.
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Also,
SEVERAL BICYCLES in good condition.

Also,
ONE COTTAGE PIANO in good condition.

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TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 16, 1898. 329

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at their AUCTION ROOMS in JOE HOUSE STREET, at 11 a.m., on

MONDAY,

the 21st February, 1898.

OFFICE DESKS, CHAIRS, CLOCKS, WRITING AND BLOTTING PAPER, PENCILS, INKS, BOOKS, BELLS, ONE RICKSHAW, &c., &c. Sit in Trade of the HONGKONG SAN PO, and 21 FORTNEY STREET, And at Room, 21, No. 3, FORTNEY STREET, DAVENPORT, 1 CUTTING MACHINE, 1 COMPRESSOR, 2 PRESS TABLES, 2 HAND PRESSES, and ONE LARGE PUNTING MACHINE.

TERMS:—As Customary.

HUGHES & HUGHES,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 16, 1898. 328

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 53.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE OF CROWN LAND by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on MONDAY, the 21st day of February, 1898, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 5th February, 1898. 327

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 21st day of February, 1898, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 99 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

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THE ORISIS IN CHINA.
POPULAR FEELING IN ENGLAND.—COUNTRY
SECEDE PARTY.
London, Jan. 19.—The Russian Ambassador at Peking protests strongly against the opening up to British trade of Tientsin-waterway, the Great Wall, Lung-tang and the Yellow Sea. China has refused to accept the proposal of Great Britain to provide a loan of £12,000,000 for the payment of the war indemnity to Japan, and undertakes to give ample security for her loans. She also offers to grant an exemption for British navigation on the inland rivers, and to give to British ships the opening of the ports to British commerce.

Several leading newspapers in Berlin contend that the opening of Tientsin-waterway in China would involve an infringement of Russian and French rights. They also hint that Germany will continue to take an active part in the Franco in the East. Germany will

Jan. 20.—Russia and Great Britain are very unyielding in their attitude in regard to the Far East. The chief difficulty in the way of a settlement is with regard to the

Mr. H. H. Asquith and Sir H. Campbell Bannerman both state that the country would support the Government in its strenuous assertion of freedom of trade with China.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said that owing to the strike of engineers the expenditure of £1,500,000 upon the Navy had been suspended. Referring to the Far Eastern situation, he said he was unable to see any reason why the Powers should object to the Chinese loan of £12,000,000 being raised in England.

AMERICA APPROVES BRITISH POLICY.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The following support Great Britain's policy in the Far East as enunciated by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, who recently stated that the Government were absolutely determined, in the event of war, to prevent the fleets of China being employed against any Power against England's commerce.

The Russian warships at Port Arthur are, it is announced, to be reinforced by the armoured battleship *Sissoi Veliky*, 8,800 tons.

It is stated that Russia is desirous of securing the entire Chinese province of Manchuria.

THE 'HANNIBAL' AND 'ILLUSTRIOUS.'

January 21.—The British Government intends to strengthen the fleet in Chinese waters, and for that purpose is despatching the twin-screw battleships *Hannibal* and *Illustrious* to the East.

THE ATTITUDE OF JAPAN.

January 21.—Japan will despatch nine battleships to Chinese waters. Their exact destination is not known.

Jan. 22.—Nearly all the English newspapers are commenting upon the gravity of the relations between Great Britain and Russia, and also refer to the fact that Britain and Japan are virtually allies.

the Russian Minister at Peking the offer of the prospects of China accepting the offer of Britain to provide a loan of £12,000,000 to defray the indemnity due to Japan are doubtful. Many of the German newspapers are supporting the demands of Great Britain for freedom of trade in China.

In referring to the situation in the Far East, the *Standard* to-day says:—“Events are rapidly shaping towards the issue, putting to the test the recent declarations by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, &c.”

the Exchequer, and others, members of the Government. Either Russia or Great Britain must give way. If Russia should be permitted to cover China into rejecting the British terms or to prejudicially affect our influence in China, a crucial trial of strength would be inevitable.

REINFORCING THE FRENCH SQUADRON.
Admiral Benaud, the French Minister for Marine, has given notice of his intention to ask the Chamber of Deputies for a large grant to meet the expenses of reinforcing the French squadron in Chinese waters.

THE FRENCH OF THE BRITISH CABINET.
Jan. 23.—A meeting of the Cabinet was held yesterday, at which the situation in China was under consideration.

Wolsley remained in London for several days in readiness to advise Ministers if necessary.

Jan. 24. —The Times states that Germany, after much hesitation, has decided to upon China to the world.

Jan. 26. —Russia has endeavored to raise the Chinese loan on financial conditions similar to those offered by Great Britain. France actively supports Russia.

Speaking at Bolton, in Lancashire, last night, Mr. G. N. Curzon said that there was every reason to suppose that the Chinese loan would be successfully raised in England, and that the possibility of China failing to accept Britain's offer would not affect our determination to uphold the sacred right of entry into Chinese ports as are enjoyed by other Powers.

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HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

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At 1020 Cash per Dollar-Mexican.

Butcher Meat.	Chinese Names.	Butcher Meat.	Chinese Names.
Bacon, English, lb.	400	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Amer. Sugar cured, "	350	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Foochow, "	350	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Japan, cured, "	350	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
Beef, sirloin & prime cut, catty	150	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Corned, "	100	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Roast, "	100	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Soup, "	100	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Steak, "	100	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
Black's Brains, per set	60	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
Tongue fresh, each	350	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Corned, "	400	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Head, "	500	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Heart, "	150	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Hump, Salt, catty	150	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Feet, each	60	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Kidneys, "	60	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Tail, "	120	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Liver, catty	90	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Tripe (uncooked), catty	60	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
Calves Head and Feet, set	470	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
Hams, American, lb.	350	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Chinese, "	350	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" English, New, "	450	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Japan, cured, "	450	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Shanghai, "	250	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
Mutton Chop, "	200	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Leg, "	200	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Shoulder, "	180	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
Pigs' Chittlings, catty	70	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Feet, "	130	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Fry, "	100	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Head, each	500	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Heart, "	60	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Kidneys, pair	70	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Liver, lb.	100	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
Pork, Chop, catty	200	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Corned, "	200	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Leg, "	180	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Fat or Lard, "	180	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
Sheep's Head and Feet, set	450	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Heart, each	50	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Kidneys, lb.	100	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Liver, lb.	100	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
Sucking Pigs, each	\$1.75 \$1.25	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
Suet, Beef, lb.	120	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
" Mutton, lb.	120	猪腰肉	猪腰肉
Veal, catty	160	猪腰肉	猪腰肉

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Pike.	catty	花
Pike, White	180	花
Pike, Black	180	花
Prawns	180	花
Ray	30	花
Rock Fish	10	花
Roach	10	花
Salmon, (Canton)	10	花
Shark	60	花
Salt Fish	100	花
Skate	60	花
Shrimps	100	花
Snapper	10	花
Soles	140	花
Tench	120	花
Turbot	100	花
Turbot, small, fresh water	50	花
Whiting	50	花
White Lait	30	花

Fruits.

Apples, (California)	catty	400
" (Holland)	"	"
" (Japan)	"	"
Bananas, fragrant	"	50
" (Holland)	"	20
Cherries, Chinese	"	80
Carrots	"	"
Cocoanuts	each	40
Ground Nuts	catty	100
Grapes	"	"
Lemons, China	"	40
" Peel	"	"
Lichees, Large	"	40
" Fresh	"	"
Limes	"	"
Mango, (Siam)	each	"
" (Holland)	"	"
Mangosteens	each	50
Oranges, Sweet	catty	30
" Green	"	60
" Red	"	20
Olives	"	120
Pine-apples	each	70
Pears	catty	170
" (Holland)	"	"
Pine, Red	each	120
Pumelo	catty	100
" (Siam)	"	"
Raisins, Muscatel	"	"
" Fudding	"	"
Water Chestnuts, com.	"	100
" Mandarin	"	140
Walnuts	"	"

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai	catty	50
Beans, (French)	"	100
" Long	"	"
Beet Root	each	20
Brinjals, Green	catty	40
" Red	"	40
Brassicas	"	20
Bamboo Shoots	"	90
Cabbage, Chinese com.	"	80
Cabbage	each	80
Carrots	"	70
Cauliflower	"	30
Celery	catty	30
Celery, Chinese	"	30
" English	"	60
Chilies, Dried	"	120
" Red	"	120
Curry Stuff, English	"	40
Cucumbers	"	90
Bitter Squash	"	40
Cauliflower	"	40
Ginger, young	"	40
Horse Radish, Shet	"	10
Indian Corn	piece	"
Lettuce, (English)	each	10
Mushrooms, Fresh	catty	200
Onions, Bombay	"	40
" Green	"	40
" Shanghai	"	100
" Japan	"	100
Okrae	"	"
Parsley, English	bundle	10
Potatoes, Sweet	catty	20
" Shanghai	"	"
" Japan	"	20
" American	"	30
" Foochow	"	30
" Macao	"	30
Pumpkin	"	20
Purline	"	5
Papaw	"	25
Radish	dozen	20
Rice, best quality, per picul	"	\$5.50
" Common	"	\$4.50
Salsola	catty	80
Spinage, (Chinese)	"	"
Spinage	"	20
Snake Gourd	"	40
Tomatoes	"	40
Taro	"	15
Taro, Punt, (Long)	"	10
Vegetable Marrow	"	"
" (Long)	"	40
Water Cress	"	70

ALEXANDER WATSON,
Assistant Secretary of the Colony.

HONGKONG AND THE CHINA QUESTION.

The following letter, signed by 'An Old Resident' appears in the 'Inquirer'.

Sir,—In view of recent events in the Far East, it may be of interest to your readers to have laid before them the supreme importance to the British Empire of the Colony of Hongkong, the interests of which are somewhat apt to be overlooked by Ministers in the turmoil of European politics.

Fifty years ago Hongkong was a barren rock, inhabited by fishermen and pirates; today it is a Crown Colony, administered by a Governor, with legislative and executive Councils, with the smallest possible expenditure of what is called popular representation, that is, say, the Government can carry any desired motion by their official majority, and are only held in check by a very intelligent and independent public opinion, which is a source of strength to the Government, but which is not to be confused with the popular representation, which is a source of weakness to the Government.

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